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## Big Sea Battle Looms: As U.S. Navy Chases Jap Warships

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### BLACK OUT

LONDON  
11.5 p.m.—3.1 a.m.  
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# PACIFIC DRIVE AXIS TENSION

BY OUR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT  
AS GENERAL MACARTHUR'S OFFENSIVE FORGES AHEAD IN THE SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC ON A 1,000-MILE FRONT, I CAN REVEAL THAT THE GROWING ALLIED ASSAULT HAS PRODUCED AT LEAST ONE SURPRISE WHICH AXIS DIPLOMATS WOULD HAVE GIVEN MUCH TO AVOID—AN IMPENDING CRISIS IN BERLIN-ROME-TOKYO RELATIONS.

MacArthur may have done more than that—he may well have separated effectively the Axis Powers; and at the same time strengthened Russia in her dealings with Japan.

### Sea Battle

For Islands Begins

## U.S. NAVY CHASING JAP SHIPS

U.S. and Japanese fleets have come to grips for the first time in the three-day-old "Battle for the Islands" in the South-West Pacific.

Japanese force of three cruisers and four destroyers attempted to shell U.S. positions on Rendova Island, in the central Solomons, early yesterday was repulsed by vessels of the U.S. Navy.

The Japanese made off in short order, according to a Navy Department communique issued in Washington. The communique stated that further details were not available.

Observers in Washington believe that American vessels might have chased the Japanese fleet from the immediate area, and that the battle was possibly still under way.

### THROUGH HEAVY SEAS

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Japanese vessels, escorted by fighters, which raided Rendova Island on Friday afternoon, were repulsed.

General MacArthur's headquarters in the South-West Pacific, he stated the Japanese lost eight dive bombers and 11 fighters in the encounter. Eighteen Japanese were lost, but the pilots of five

American ground forces on Guadalcanal, which they occupied last week, and also advanced Viiu, a town on New Georgia Island, were preparing for a counter-attack on Guadalcanal, the big Japanese base on New Guinea.

27,000 U.S. NAVAL CASUALTIES

Washington, Saturday  
The Navy Department tonight announced that the casualties of the U.S. Navy, Marine and Coast Guard since the attack on Pearl Harbor in December, 1941, now total 27,022, including 6,163 dead.

Of these, 10,252 missing, and 1,890 prisoners of war—Reuter

Smuts' Triumph At Polls Is Likely

General Smuts, Premier of South Africa, and his party, go to the polls on Wednesday, and there is every reason to hope that an increased majority will be won.

The issue at the election is the participation of South Africa in the war, but African voters have taken the view that the war is the war of the white man, and the white man's war.

Solomons, tried to shell American positions there. They were driven off by U.S. warships, and the last news from Washington suggested that the battle was possibly still under way.

This news came soon after a cable, reaching London, announced that large U.S. naval forces were steaming through heavy Pacific seas in

anticipation of a big ocean battle. The Japanese were expected to dispatch a powerful fleet to challenge MacArthur's thrusts in the Solomons. Nearly 800 miles across the sea to the U.S. and Australian ports, after linking up in the jungles of New Guinea, are now converging on Salamaua.



### Drink Cure Too Drastic

## GOERING 'A DYING MAN' REPORT

GOERING is critically ill at his home, Karinhause, west of Berlin, according to reliable reports reaching Stockholm from several sources.

These reports are partly confirmed by the fact that he has not been reported in public since the war's early ceremonies on March 21, and additionally, that Marshal Keitel has presided over all recent meetings of the Reich Defense Council, of which Goering is the chairman.

The illness, serious for several weeks, is reported to have reached a critical stage and to have been complicated by a nervous breakdown, and his life is in danger.

He is also reported to be suffering from heart trouble, brought on by following a very strict regime while undergoing a drink cure which, apparently, was too much for his surfeited body.

Two doctors and his wife, the former actress, Emmy Sonnemann, are watching him night and day. Entrance is forbidden to everyone else except essential servants and one or two of Goering's old friends.

Goering's German friends, who have been commenting on the fact that Goering has faded out of the picture, militarily and politically, since the war's early ceremonies, are now saying that the illness was the prime reason.—B.U.P.

### HITLER, TOO!

Berlin, Saturday  
Hitler is resting at Berchtesgaden as a result of a nervous breakdown, according to reports from the German press.

General von Manstein, the victor of Sebastopol, has, according to these reports, been left in charge of the Russian front.—B.U.P.

### British

Warship's 48-Gun Salute To U.S.A.  
BECAUSE of a British Admiral's express desire to "let us help you, Yanks, to celebrate your independence day," a British warship, the 48-gun saluted today at the reception by American officers at Allied Force headquarters in North Africa.

A French military band will play the "Star Spangled Banner." A suggestion made by Admiral Sir John Dill, the British Commander in Chief, was that the arrangements for the ceremony.

Italy's 48-Gun Salute To U.S.A.  
MORE than 100 more Italian troops have been killed or wounded by Greek guerrillas, recognized as part of the Allied South Front.

Twenty-five of them, according to the Greek News Agency in Athens, were killed when the guerrillas ambushed an Italian column on the road to the enemy falling to the tommy gun of one Greek alone.

Planes Bring Atlantic Convoy Through U-Boat Pack

ANOTHER great convoy, working in cooperation with land-based aircraft, assured the passage of the convoy without interference from the U-boats tried to attack it.

Complete shore-to-shore air cover, provided by carrier-based aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm, working in cooperation with land-based aircraft, assured the passage of the convoy without interference from the U-boats.

The convoy was also protected by surface ships. In attacks which lasted two

## Enemy Will Be Forced To Fight In His Own Backyard

# World-Wide Allied Offensive Soon

From GEOFFREY IMESON, Reuter's Special Correspondent Washington, Saturday.

FINAL preparations on all fronts—military, naval, productive and diplomatic—for a global Allied offensive are nearing completion. Observers here predict that the present offensive in the south-west Pacific will soon broaden into a world-wide Allied push.

The huge war production in America and Britain, coupled with successful attacks on the U-boats, are believed to have enabled the Pacific operations to be launched with the conviction that the Allies can now support offensives in both hemispheres this year.

Observers here expect that the initial European step will be limited to operations in the Mediterranean of "peculiar complexity," inevitably involving the eastern Mediterranean islands.

A high American official stated today that Allied strategy was: "To make the Axis fight in their own backyards."

Here is the consensus of Washington opinion on how this will be done.

EUROPE: Military observers point out that control of the islands in the eastern Mediterranean would enable the Allies to pound the Rumanian oilfields as a corollary to the current conviction that the German industrial areas in the Ruhr.

Observers here believe that once these islands have been occupied, the Allies may move on several fronts, possibly combining Balkan and Italian invasions and, simultaneously, or later, attacking in the West.

Large-scale operations in the Balkans or Italy are expected to follow the capture of the islands. More heavily fortified Channel Coast and Scandinavian countries before attacks are launched against those areas.

PACIFIC: The rapid initial gains achieved by the U.S. Forces in the past week indicates that the Allies are now fully prepared to launch a powerful offensive all over the Pacific designed to neutralize the enemy's offensive positions and render useless to the Japanese the vast resources of materials held in the subjugated areas.

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## Mosquitoes Have A Private War

# "GHOST" AIR RAIDS ON BERLIN

HIGH-SPEED Mosquitoes of Bomber Command have for weeks past been carrying on their own private "nerve war" against Berlin with a succession of "ghost" raids. Night after night they have been rousing the people early in the morning and sending them to the shelters.

First news of their activities was given in an Air Ministry review which spoke of the "utter fatigue" prevailing in Berlin owing to the persistence of the raids.

The Mosquitoes have been over in only small numbers. Sometimes a single machine would fly to Berlin to drop a bomb or two. Other Mosquitoes, on intruder work over Northern Germany, would take a look at Berlin on their way home.

The last time official mention was made of a Mosquito raid over Berlin was on May 21. It was then stated that they had been over the German capital in six nights out of the previous eight.

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General Giraud on his way to the United States.

Mr. Roosevelt's private secretary, confirmed last Monday that General Giraud was to visit the United States.

He added: "He is coming as the guest of the Government in his military capacity as a general," but mentioned no date of arrival.

MEXICAN AMITY WITH FRANCE

An official statement in Mexico City yesterday said the Mexican Government had decided to establish official relations with the British Commonwealth of Nations.

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